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## Drive Launched to Aid Refugee China School

A group of faculty members from UCLA and USC have begun an ambitious effort to assist Soochow University, a refugee university from the mainland of China.

The "Friends of Soochow" have launched a fund-raising drive which they hope will eventually yield \$40,000 in loans for Soochow students who wish to study in the United States and another \$40,000 to provide for exchanges of professors between Soochow and American universities.

Soochow was founded in 1900 in Kiangsu Province and was forced from its campus by the Japanese invasion in 1937. In 1946 the university returned to its campus, only to be ousted again by the Communist takeover in 1949.

### All Doing Well

Dr. Edward L. Rada, president of Friends of Soochow, said the university has been struggling in recent years because the Chinese Nationalist government supports public universities on Taiwan but not private institutions like Soochow.

"Soochow was once known as the 'Harvard of the West,'" said Rada, an associate professor of economics in the UCLA School of Public Health.

Many distinguished lawyers, jurists and diplomats graduated from Soochow.

We would like to help them regain their former prestige and pride.

"So far our work has been modest. We have handled the financing for several Soochow graduate students who have come to the United States. At the present time there are four at UCLA and one at Occidental. They are all doing quite well."

### Seeking Private Gifts

In the future Friends of Soochow hope also to raise \$100,000 for new buildings and other facilities for the university and an additional \$100,000 to endow professorships.

"But this is way off," Rada said. "Right now we're looking for \$5,000 or so in private gifts as a start. Later we hope to interest some corporations and foundations in our work."

In addition to Rada, directors of the organization are Dr. Ralph Cassady Jr., director of the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at UCLA; Robert A. Rogers, budget and accounting officer at UCLA; Dr. William C. Yang, a Soochow graduate who is associate professor of pharmacology at the USC School of Medicine, and Donald Odell, a Los Angeles attorney.

Dr. Arthur Young, financial adviser to China from 1929 to 1947, serves as chairman of the organization's Advisory Committee.